

rigorous expectations of college. As a result, 99% of TELACU's high school students have earned their high school diplomas and continued on to pursue post-secondary education, and 99% of TELACU college students have earned, at minimum, a bachelor's degree.

TELACU Scholars are recruited from the poorest neighborhoods in Southern California, Chicago, Texas, and New York. In many of these neighborhoods, young African Americans and Latinos are more likely to be arrested by their 18th birthday than to graduate high school. Yet year after year, TELACU Scholars have proven that it doesn't matter where you were born, what the color of your skin is, or what language you speak at home—if you study and work hard, you can become anything you want to be in our great United States of America.

And hard work is what TELACU Scholars are all about. Scholars like Priscila Papias leverage all the resources provided by the TELACU Education Foundation to advance not only themselves and their educations, but their communities as well. As part of the Foundation's internship program, Priscila partnered with local universities, food banks, and farmer's markets to help provide regular nutritional screenings and high-quality nutritional care for residents of TELACU's senior housing complexes. I thank Priscila Papias and all of her fellow TELACU Scholars for their hard work and contributions to our communities.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the thousands of students they have served, empowered, and advanced to achieve self-sufficiency, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing David and Priscila Lizárraga for their exemplary leadership and commendable efforts to support our young people and our communities, and wish them and the TELACU Education Foundation many years of continued success ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ALBIVORY
"BIB" HESTER CORLEY 100
YEARS YOUNG ON MAY 23RD, 2014

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to pay tribute on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to Mrs. Albivory Hester Corley, who is known as Bib to many and will be 100 years of age on May 23rd. Bib was born in Mississippi at a time when situations and circumstances were quite different in this country. Armed with a great desire to acquire higher education, she left the family farm and attended Jackson College, (currently known as Jackson State University) and Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. After college she returned to her roots in Mississippi and taught at the Pilgrim Rest School. After teaching for a number of years, Bib decided that it was time to pursue greater opportunities and moved to Chicago, like many other African Americans who were born in Mississippi. In 1952, she began working at the Cook County Probate Court and eventually became the first African American to become Probate Clerk, and worked for the Probate Court for thirty-seven years during the tenure of nine governors and six mayors. Chi-

cago brought Bib not only success in her career, but also success in finding her soul-mate. It was in Chicago that Bib met her husband Jimmy Corley, whom she married in 1956.

Bib and Jimmy shared a strong faith in God and joined the outstanding Grant Memorial AME Church where they were both active members until Jimmy's passing in 1982. Bib remains active in the church and considers herself truly blessed for all the years of life that God has given her.

Even in retirement, Mrs. Corley is not slowing down. She remains very active, traveling all over the world sharing her story and inspiring others. As a Member of the US House of Representatives, I take delight in recognizing a truly remarkable woman and thank her for all the contributions she has made to humankind.

HONORING MIKE MONTGOMERY ON
HIS RETIREMENT AS ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN
KNOXVILLE, IOWA

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend Mike Montgomery on his retirement as an elementary school principal for the Knoxville Community School District. Mike was my best friend growing up in Brooklyn and has dedicated his life to the education of Iowa children.

Mike earned his master's degree in school administration from Drake University and his bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central College. For 26 years Mike has served as a principal in the Knoxville Community School District. At Knoxville, he has implemented many successful education programs including all day every day kindergarten, 4 year old voluntary pre-school, and a system of support and professional learning communities for teachers and students.

Mike has been a strong leader and mentor for the students and faculty in Knoxville. He interacts with students on a daily basis eating lunch with them and playing sports with them. Mike has also successfully built strong relationships with his staff and has personally hired many of the elementary school teachers in Knoxville. He has twice been nominated for Knoxville Community Educator of the Year. He has been a strong leader and champion for education throughout his career and has devoted his life to improving the lives of children.

"Mr. Montgomery" has been a powerful positive role model in the lives of thousands of Iowa students, including my own nieces. His energy and enthusiasm inspire us to put students first and make education a lifelong experience. I'm very proud of Mike, and honored to call him my friend. I congratulate him on his retirement and I wish him, his wife Mary, and the rest of his family all of the best as he moves on to his next adventure.

RECOGNIZING THE LOS BANOS
BASQUE CLUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Los Banos Basque Club for their 50th anniversary. From putting on the annual picnic to volunteering with the dance group and participating in various other club events, the Los Banos Basque Club's 50 years of proud history can be directly attributed to the tireless participation of all of its members.

The Basques lived in the Los Banos area before California joined the United States in 1848. Many of the early Basques in this area were sheepherders, while others worked as ranchers, miners, and laborers. Throughout the late 1800's and early 1900's, they organized and formed a vibrant and cohesive community. Many Basques are of Catholic heritage, and Basques in the Los Banos area often gathered to celebrate Baptisms, First Holy Communions, and weddings in large gatherings.

The most common celebration to bring together the Basque people of the Los Banos area was a picnic, which the Basques began holding in 1886. The early picnics were an occasion to reunite old friends and families and to celebrate Basque culture. In order to better organize the Basques in the Los Banos area and to organize and coordinate an annual picnic, a group of Basques formed the Los Banos Basque Club. The Club also helped preserve the Basque culture and heritage in Central California.

At the first meeting, the Club voted to hold an annual picnic on the third Sunday of every May, and the first annual Los Banos Basque Picnic was held that same year. Additionally, the Club began a dance group, where adults would come together to teach the children Basque customs and traditions, including the traditional Basque dances.

This year marks the 50th year of the Los Banos Basque Club's existence and is similarly the 50th annual picnic of the Club. For the past 50 years, the annual picnic has maintained the same schedule of events, including a Catholic Mass, a BBQ Lamb Chop lunch, Basque dancing demonstrations, traditional competitions like wood chopping, weight carrying, or soka tira, music, public dancing, and a chorizo BBQ.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Los Banos Basque Club for their 50 successful years. With their strong ties to their roots, their desire to preserve Basque traditions, and their pride of being called a Basque, the Los Banos Basque Club hopes to carry on its traditional picnics far into the future.

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SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under